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PENDING PROJECTS UNDER DPAP AND IWDP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for allocation of funds to States under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme and Drought Prone Areas Programme;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals/projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme and Drought Prone Areas Programme from certain States during the last three years and current year;

(c) if so, the separate details thereof; State-wise;

(d) the number of projects proposals sanctioned by the Government so far, State-wise;

(e) the present status of the remaining projects/ proposals; and

(f) the time by which the remaining projects/ proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) and Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) are demand driven programmes and no State-wise allocation of funds is made under these programmes. Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development, every year sanctions new projects as per the respective guidelines. The prioritised new IWDP projects are sanctioned in the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting depending upon the extent of wastelands, capacity of State to handle wastelands, past performance of ongoing projects and availability of funds under the programme. Under DPAP, new projects, each of 500 hectares, as per the respective guidelines, are sanctioned keeping in view the criteria that includes DPAP coverage in the State, performance of the ongoing projects, budget availability etc. under the Progarmme. Under IWDP and DPAP, funds are released to Zilla Panchayats (ZPs)/ District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/State Governments in instalments over the project period of 5 years. The first instalment of Central share is released along with the sanction of new projects and subsequent instalment is released on receipt of specific proposal from ZP/DRDA/ State Government along with supporting documents.

(b) to (f) Prioritised list of districts for sanctioning IWDP projects are invited from the State every year and projects sanctioned as per the availability of budget after meeting out the committed liability of ongoing projects. Those prioritised project proposals which are not sanctioned in a particular year, lapse by the end of the year. Only if the States prioritize those projects in the next financial year (not sanctioned during the previous year), they are considered in the PSC. Therefore, there is no pendency of left over projects. Under DPAP, no proposals are invited as projects are sanctioned to the blocks as identified by the Hanumantha Rao Committee (1994). State- wise number of projects sanctioned under IWDP and DPAP during the last three years i.e. 2002-2003 to 2004-05 and in the current year i.e. 2005-06 till 2.8.2005 are given in the enclosed statement.